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SOVIET AND SATELLITE COUNTRIES

1. Negative reports were received from the U.S.S.R. and Hungary. The latter Army Attache has remarked that the only change has been the lessening in attendance of higher ranking Soviet and Satellite personnel at official parties.

2. Czechoslovakia

a. The last cordial get together of Western Attaches with Czech Military Liaison Staff was just prior to Czech Army Day in May 1951, at which time the new "Intelligence Chief", Colonel Antonin RAJEK, and his staff were introduced. Although Colonel RAJEK stated that he hoped relations would improve over those existing under General KLEN, contact with Czech military personnel has actually remained about the same - practically non-existent.

b. The only contacts with Soviet and Satellite representatives are at occasional state functions at which Colonel P. A. CHOCKLOV, Assistant U.S.S.R. Military Attache, and two Czech officers from the Czech Military Liaison Section always put in an appearance. During the last year there has been some improvement in CHOCKLOV's attitude toward the U.S. Army Attache, but relations in general remain about the same. CHOCKLOV has always been a jovial person, but at the U.S. Armed Forces Day and Fourth of July celebrations, he appeared to be a little more sociable and amenable than usual.

c. The former Polish Attache did attend state functions; however, his replacement has not yet made an appearance at any such occasion, although he has been in Prague for several months.

d. The Army Attache's request to view the recent Army Film Festival was ignored, as was his request to observe field training and/or maneuvers.

3. Poland

a. The Army Attache, Poland has advised that during the period January through July 1952 there was no effort made by Soviet or Satellite representatives to meet, cultivate, or entertain Department of the Army personnel. However, on 4 October 1952 at a reception in celebration of Czech Army Day given by the Czech Army Attache, Major Frantsicek DUZI, the Army Attache was treated in a friendlier manner by Soviet and Satellite representatives than previously experienced.

b. All Western Attaches were invited to the 4 October reception, but only the U.S. Army and Navy Attaches and the British Army Attache attended.

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The U.S. Army Attache was the first of the Western Attaches to arrive and had an opportunity to greet twenty Polish generals and the Chief of Staff of the Polish Army before Soviet officers arrived. All were most cordial and each gave the Army Attache a firm hand clasp, which conveyed the impression that they were each friendly toward the United States. Few said more than a few polite words of greeting. Only general officers who did not shake hands with the Army Attache were two Polish Air Force officers who are suspected of being Soviet nationals. The Army Attache spoke for a few minutes with the Chief of Staff about his candidacy for membership in the Polish Parliament, which had appeared in the newspaper, and which the Chief of Staff confirmed. The reception on the whole was the friendliest of any at which the U.S. Army Attache was present where all powers were represented. The Army Attache also spoke for a few minutes with the Soviet Attache and Aide de Camp about personal matters only.

4. Rumania

a. Soviet, Satellite, and Rumanian Foreign Office representatives of a subordinate capacity appear at the official national day cocktail parties held by the various United States and Western-oriented diplomatic missions. A notable exception was the occasion of Finnish National Day party on 6 December 1951 when the Rumanian Foreign Minister, Mrs. Pauker, and the Soviet Ambassador attended. The only occasion when military personnel of the Soviet and Satellite nations attended such functions was that of the Israel National Day, 30 April 1952, when Colonel V.S. MAKOVKIN, the principal Soviet Assistant Military Attache, attended in uniform. The Foreign Liaison Officers and Major General Iacob TECLU of the Rumanian Armed Forces Ministry declined invitations to receptions held on the occasion of U.S. Armed Forces Day, 19 May 1951 and also on 4 July 1952.

b. The U.S. Army Attache has been invited to the Soviet Embassy on Soviet Army Day, 23 February 1951 (but not in 1952); the Rumanian Armed Forces Ministry "Central House" on Rumanian Army Day, 2 October 1951; and the 23 August parade of 1951 and 1952. Other Western military attaches have received the same four invitations. Invitation to the October 1951 Rumanian Army Day reception was tendered a few hours before the reception.

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